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, KOREA

US/SK OPENED 2-DAYS SAN DIEGO TALKS 7/26 ON PLANNED
US TROOP W/DRAWAL. SK NATL DEF MIN RO JAE-HYUN MEETING
W/SECDEF BROWN, WHO SAID CARTER ADMIN COMMITTED TO
ROK'S "SECURITY AND WELL-BEING." TOLD RO PULLOUT
HINGED, IN PART, ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL CARTER'S
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PROPOSED 800-MIL-DOL ARMS TRANSFER. SPEAKING TO
REPORTERS AFTER 1ST MEETING, BROWN SAID HE BELIEVED
CONGRESS, "LIKE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH,, RECOGNIZES
IMPORTANCE TO US OF PEACE/STABILITY ON KOREAN PENINSULA
(WEINRAUB, NYT; REUTER 7/26).

FOR HIS PART, RO TOLD REPORTERS NK MIGHT TRY "RENEWED
MILITARY VENTURE" DUE US TROOP W/DRAWAL. STATED
W/THIS IN MIND, US/SK ,WILL MAKE KNOWN TO OUR POTENTIAL
ENE;Y" JOINT RESOLVE/CONFIDENCE THAT ANY ARMED PROVOCATION

"WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, BUT WILL BE REPELLED" (REUTER 7/26).

IN AMENDMENT TO FON SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL, SENATE WARNED PRES CARTER 7/26 THAT FURTHER W/DRAWAL US TROOPS FROM SK MIGHT SERIOUSLY UPSET MIL BALANCE IN REGION. APPROVED 81 TO 7, AMENDMENT CALLED ON CARTER CONSULT FULLY IN ADVANCE W/CONGRESS BEFORE PULLOUT OUT ANY ADDITIONAL TROOPS/REPORT ON HOW W/DRAWAL WOULD AFFECT VARIOUS INTL ISSUES (REUTER 7/26).

2. JAPAN

GOJ ANNOUNCES IT WILL DECIDE BY SEPT 2 ON MEASURES FULFILL FUKUDA'S MAJOR PLEDGES AT BONN SUMMIT. ECON PLANNING AGENCY SAID CABINET HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR JAPAN REACH 7 PCT ECON GROWTH TARGET (REUTER TOKYO 7/26).

ECON PLANNING AGENCY SPOKESMAN SAID 7/26 JAPAN SHOULD TRY BOOST EMERGENCY IMPORTS "FAR AS POSSIBLE" ABOVE ORIGINAL TARGET, "USING ALL METHODS AT ITS DISPOSAL."
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CABINET MINS ALSO HAVE REPORTEDLY DECIDED BEGIN NATIONWIDE PRICE-MONITORING PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT BENEFITS OF YEN'S RISE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS AS ENCOURAGEMENT BUY IMPORTED GOODS (REUTER TOKYO).

3. JAPAN/CHINA

FUKUDA TOLD 7/26 NEWS CONF JAPAN/PRC PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY CAN BE SIGNED ONLY IF PRC UNDERSTANDS JAPAN'S BASIC POLICY OF KEEPING FRIENDLY RELS W/ALL NATIONS. ADDED PRESENT WORKING-LEVEL NEGOTS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. HOWEVER, GOJ SOURCES CONTRADICTED PM'S STATEMENT, SAYING ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE STILL CAUSING PROBLEMS IN NEGOTS (NAKAMIKADO, REUTER TOKYO 7/26).

SOME 1,000 SCREAMING RIGHTISTS, DRESSED IN COMBAT FATIGUES, DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE FON MINISTRY THURS AGAINST PROPOSED JAPAN/PRC PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY. PROTESTORS BEDECKED W/WARTIME RISING SUN FLAGS/SHOUTED ANTI-TREATY STATEMENTS. RIOT POLICE, AIDED BY ARMORED CARS, BLOCKED ROADS/PREVENTED GROUP FROM DELIVERING HARANGUE OUTSIDE PRC EMB (REUTER TOKYO).

4. PACIFIC ISLANDS

ACCORDING US SOURCES, PALAU LIKELY CHALLENGE CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN COURT ON CHARGES OF ELECTION

FRAUD BY SEPARATIST FORCES. SAY 1 CHARGE LIKELY BE
THAT 750 BALLOTS MISSING AT FINAL COUNT-WHICH COULD

BE SIGNIFICANT SINCE MARGIN REJECTING CONSTITUTION
ONLY 600 VOTES. UN MISSION THAT SUPERVISED ELECTION
HAS REQUESTED TRUST TERR'S REFERENDUM BOARD LOOK INTO
CHARGES (CHAPMAN, WP TOKYO).

IN ITEM ON OUSTER OF COOK ISLANDS LEADER ALBERT
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HENRY, LAT'S HILLINGER (WP) NOTES CHARGES AGAINST
HENRY STEMMED FROM ALLEGATIONS THAT HE SWUNG RECENT
ELECTION BY ILLEGALLY DIPPING INTO REVENUES OF ISLANDS'
PRIMARY EXPORT--POSTAGE STAMPS. HENRY INSISTS HE DID
NOTHING CRIMINAL/MERELY "BORROWED" MONEY TO GIVE SUP-
PORTERS IN NZ FREE FLIGHTS TO ISLANDS ON VOTING DAY
IN ORDER "ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF STABLE GOVERNMENT
IN THE COOK ISLANDS."

5. INDONESIA

GOI RELEASED MORE THAN 8,000 POL PRISONERS WEDS--MOST OF
THEM COMMUNISTS JAILED SINCE '65 COUP ATTEMPT. HAD BEEN
CLASSIFIED AS PRISONERS WHO COULD NOT BE TRIED, BECAUSE
GOVT HAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR THEIR ALLEGED INVOLVE-
MENT. ABOUT 4,000 WERE RELEASED IN BANDUNG, REST IN OTHER
PARTS OF COUNTRY (REUTER BANDUNG 7/26).

6. INDONESIA/PHILIPPINES

TWO GROUPS OIL FIRMS OPERATING IN INDO, ONE HEADED BY
MARATHON OIL, OTHER BY CITIES SERVICE CO, ANNOUNCE OFFSHORE
OIL DISCOVERIES. SAY TESTING 750 MI N OF JAKARTA INDICATED
COMBINED FLOW OF 6,700 BARRELS/DAY FROM 5 ZONES/SMALLER
FLOWS FROM 3 OTHERS; 3 ZONES IN CENTRAL JAVA SEA PRODUCED
5,100 BARRELS/DAY (WSJ 7/26).

NEW CRUDE OIL PROD FROM INDO/HIGHER PROD IN NORTH SEA
INCREASED EARNINGS PHILLIPS PETRO CO IN 2ND QTR '78. INDO
PRODUCTION AVERAGED 21,000 BARRELS/DAY (JOC 7/26).

WSJ'S PENN (7/26) DOES LONG PIECE ON ROY COHN'S SUIT
AGAINST HENRY FORD, NOTING SUIT'S HARSHTEST CHARGES STATE
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DEFENDANT APPROVED 1-MIL-DOL BRIBE IN INDO TO GET CONTRACT
FOR FORD MOTOR CO IN '75. SUIT SAYS FORD, IN RETURN FOR
2-MIL-DOL PAYOFF TO UNIDENTIFIED FORD OFFICIAL FROM GOP,
AGREED TO PHIL REQUEST TO BUILD COSTLY STAMPING PLANT IN

PHILS.

PENN SAYS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FORD HAVE GIVEN RISE TO ALL SORTS OF GOSSIP--SUCH AS ALLEGATION A HIGH OFFICIAL CARTER ADMIN SOUGHT HALT DOJ INVESTIGATION OF WHETHER FORD MOTOR NOT ONLY PAID BRIBE IN INDO BUT ALSO TRIED CONCEAL THIS

FROM USG; OR THAT OUSTED FORD PRES IACOCCA IS PREPARED GIVE POSSIBLY DAMAGING INFO TO FEDRL GRAND JURY IN WASHINGTON LOOKING INTO FORD MOTOR INVOLVEMENT IN INDO. ALSO NOTES FICTITIOUS PLOT INSPIRED BY NYT'S WM SAFIRE/CALLED "MANILA ENVELOPE."

7. PHILIPPINES

IMELDA MARCOS MET W/15 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR 2 HRS WEDS TO DISCUSS ALLEGED HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS IN PHILS. IN WASHINGTON TO SIGN WORLD BANK LOAN AGREEMENT, SHE DENIED CHARGES OF ELECTIONS FRAUD/TORTURE OF POL PRISONERS, ACCORDING REP BEDELL (D-IOWA).

REUTER (7/26) SAYS IMELDA REQUESTED MTG AFTER GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES WROTE MARCOS LTR PROTESTING PHILS HUMAN RTS CONDITIONS. ABOUT DOZEN PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED ON FRONT STEPS OF CAPITOL AGAINST MARCOS AS IMELDA LEFT BLDG. THEY SHOUTED "MARCOS OUT"/CARRIED SIGNS WHICH READ, "END MARTIAL LAW" AND "FREE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS."

8. CHINA/VIETNAM

PRC HAS PROTESTED TO SRV OVER "VICIOUS LIES"/"SLANDERS" ABOUT CHINESE EMB IN HANOI. NCNA SAYS CHINESE EMB IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HANOI EXPRESSED "DEEP INDIGNATION AND LODGED A STRONG PROTEST" ON 7/25 AGAINST SRV'S "LIES VICIOUSLY SLANDERING AND ATTACKING THE EMBASSY." PRC CHARGE WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD VIET FONMIN THAT VIET MEDIA HAD PUBLISHED "VILE SLANDERS AND SCURRILOUS CHARGES" AGAINST CHINESE EMB/AMB (REUTER PEKING).

9. VIETNAM

SRV ACCUSED US THURS OF TRYING SET UP NE ASIA MIL ALLIANCE/OF KEEPING TROOPS IN SK. IN EDIT MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN WAR, "NHAN DAN" SAID KOREA'S ASPIRATION OF NATL UNIFICATION NOT YET REALIZED "DUE TO WASHINGTON'S POLICY OF CONTINUAL SABOTAGE OF THE ARMISTICE, MAINTAINING THE PARTITION OF KOREA." SAID US-JAPAN/US-SK JOINT DEFENSE TREATIES BEING USED TO FURTHER POLICY OF WAR PROVOCATION/AGGRESSION/EXPANSION (REUTER HK).

HANOI ANNOUNCED WEDS IT HAS AGREED RELEASE ABOUT 25 WOMEN/CHILDREN OF VIET DESCENT WHO WERE TRAPPED IN SVN IN '75. ALL ARE ETHNIC VIETS BUT HOLD US PASSPORTS/ARE NATURALIZED AMCITS. SEVERAL CASES INVOLVED CHILDREN WHO LIVED IN US/TRAVELED TO VN TO VISIT RELATIVES/WERE UNABLE

TO LEAVE. SEN KENNEDY SAID HANOI'S DECISION WAS RESULT OF APPEAL HE MADE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. FIVE-PERSON CONGRESSIONAL DEL WILL VISIT VN FRI, STOPPING IN BANGKOK EN ROUTE, TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN OF AMCITS/ REVIEW HUMANITARIAN ISSUES DURING 6-DAY STAY (AP, SUN).

10. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

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CAMBODIA ACCUSED SRV THURS OF GOING AGAINST PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT--ATTACK ON RADIO PP COINCIDING W/5-DAY CONF ON NON-ALIGNED NATIONS FONMINS IN BELGRADE. REUTER (BANGKOK) SAYS SRV EXPECTED ADDRESS CONF THURS, POSSIBLY SHIFTING FOCUS OF ATTENTION TO SEASIA/BORDER CONFLICT BETWN VN/CAMBODIA. BROADCAST ACCUSED SRV OF TRYING SPLIT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT/PERSUADING OTHER MEMBERS TO TAKE ITS SIDE IN BORDER DISPUTE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (7/26) STATES PRC-ALBANIA BREAK HAS STIRRED CONCERN IN WASHINGTON THAT ALBANIA MIGHT MOVE BACK TOWARD USSR, AFFECTING NAVAL SITUATION IN MEDITERRANEAN. HOWEVER, ADDS THAT ALBANIAN LEADERS DENOUNCE MOSCOW IN SAME TONE AS THEY DENOUNCE PEKING, SO SUCH MOVE UNLIKELY AT PRESENT. REVIEWS HISTORY OF COUNTRY'S TIES W/PRC. OPINES AFTER HOXHA NO LONGER AROUND TO SHOW PERSONAL STUBBORNNESS ABOUT RETURNING TO MOSCOW'S FOLD, USSR COULD EXERCISE POWERFUL APPEAL TO ALBANIA. SAYS US ANALYSTS EXPECT KREMLIN DEMAND--AS PRICE FOR ANY RESUMPTION OF SUPPORT FOR ALBANIA--MIL FOOTHOLD ON MED SEA.

12. KOREA

SAFIRE (SUN) CHASTISES DOJ FOR NOT OBJECTING TO, AND EVEN ABETTING, DECISION MOVE FORMER REP PASSMAN'S KOREA BRIBERY TRIAL FROM DC TO LA. SAYS THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO TAKING WATERGATE CONSPIRATORS FROM DC TO ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF FOR PROMPT ACQUITTAL, "OR AT MOST A SUSPENDED SENTENCE." BELIEVES AS RESULT OF THIS MOVE, DOJ HAS NO LEVERAGE AT ALL ON PASSMAN, AND "ALL THE OTHER SATRAPS IN CONGRESS" MAY BREATHE EASIER--AS PASSMAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF

CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT. OPINES THIS IS HOW DEM
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PARTY'S SELF-INVESTIGATION ENDS--"NOT WITH A BANG, BUT A
WHIMPER." CHRISTOPHER

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